

REMARKS

Claims 11-24 have been withdrawn from consideration and are cancelled from the present application. Claim 1 has been cancelled via the present amendment. The claims remaining in the application are 2-10.

Election/Restriction

Applicant confirms the provisional election of Group I, claims 1-10, without traverse. Group II, claims 11-24 have been withdrawn from consideration are hereby cancelled from the present application.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Office Action has rejected claims 1-4, 9, and 10 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Taguchi et al. (U.S. 5,302,989). This rejection is respectfully traversed. Claim 1 has been cancelled and claims 2-4, 9, and 10 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 5.

Allowable Subject Matter

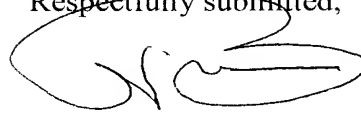
The Office Action has objected to claims 5-8.

CONCLUSION

Dependent claims not specifically addressed add additional limitations to the independent claims, which have been distinguished from the prior art and are therefore also patentable.

If the Examiner is of the opinion that additional modifications to the claims are necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, he is invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the number listed below for a telephone interview and Examiner's amendment.

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